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SUBJECT: GREEK PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT AUSTRIA, NOVEMBER 15-17

1. GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRIA NOVEMBER 15-17. VISIT WILL BE HISTORIC OCCASION SINCE IT WILL BE FIRST VISIT EVER TO AUSTRIA BY GREEK PRIME MINISTER.

2. AUSTRIANS REPORTEDLY PLANNING MAKE MAJOR EVENT OF THREE-DAY STAY AND HAVE PREPARED FULL PROGRAM INCLUDING ROUND OF TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY; CALLS ON PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER AND ON GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN IN VIENNA; OFFICIAL LUNCH, DINNER, AND RECEPTION; AND TOUR OF PARLIAMENT, CULTURAL FACILITIES AND OF VIENNA'S UN CITY.

3. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE INVOLVED IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT, AGENDA FOR TALKS WILL INCLUDE ON MULTILATERAL SIDE QUESTIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION HELSINKI ACCORD AND PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE 77, GREATER ROLE FOR EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION MOVEMENT, DISARMAMENT, TURKISH-GREEK CONTROVERSY OVER AEGEAN SEA AND CYPRUS, AND, FROM GREEK STANDPOINT, ATTITUDE OF GREECE TOWARD U.S.

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BILATERAL QUESTIONS REPORTEDLY WILL BE NOTED BUT NOT

DEALT WITH IN ANY DETAIL.

4. COMMENT: GOA HAS UPGRADED IMPORTANCE OF ITS RELATIONS
WITH GREECE SINCE OVERTHROW OF GREEK MILITARY REGIME AND
ENVISAGES UPCOMING VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MODEST
AUSTRIAN CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PROMOTING FULL MEMBERSHIP OF
GREECE IN WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.BUCHANAN

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